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NOTE VERBALE DATED 5 APRIL 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by UNPROFOR regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 1 and 4 April 1993, there appear to have been 13 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. In addition, there was one flight on 30 March 1993. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are annexed to the present note verbale.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(1-4 April 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, alt.
499	1 April	0507	0508	AWACS detected an aircraft 15 nautical miles north-east of Banja Luka. The aircraft was tracked for 1 minute until it faded from radar coverage 13 nautical miles north-east of Banja Luka, near Mahovljani airfield. The speed of the track indicates that it was a probable helicopter. United Nations Military Observers observed no landings at Mahovljani, or Zaluzani during this period.	West 100 kts Low
500	1 April	0818	0821	AWACS detected an aircraft 9 nautical miles north of the town of Doboj. The aircraft was tracked for 3 minutes, until it faded from radar coverage 5 nautical miles north of Doboj. The speed of the track indicates that it was a probable helicopter.	South 90 kts Low
501	1 April	0857	0903	AWACS detected an aircraft 6.5 nautical miles south-west of Banja Luka over Kolanska Planina airfield. The aircraft was tracked for 6 minutes, until it faded from radar coverage 3 nautical miles north-east of Banja Luka. Due to anomalies in AWACS data, UNPROFOR was unable to confirm the speed of the track, which could indicate the probable type of aircraft.	North-east Undetermined Low

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, alt.
502	1 April	0901	0905	AWACS detected an aircraft 1.5 nautical miles south-west of Banja Luka. The aircraft was tracked for 4 minutes, until it faded from radar coverage 2.5 nautical miles west of Banja Luka. The speed of the track indicated that it was a probable helicopter.	North-east 120 kts Low
503	1 April	1114	1116	AWACS detected an aircraft 6 nautical miles south-east of Banja Luka. The aircraft was tracked for 2 minutes, until it faded from radar coverage 6 nautical miles north-east of Banja Luka. The speed of the track indicates that it was a probable helicopter.	North-east Slow 3,500 ft.
504	1 April	1424	1436	AWACS detected an aircraft 23 nautical miles north-west of Mostar. The aircraft was tracked for 12 minutes, until it faded from radar coverage 17 nautical miles north-west of Mostar, over the town of Grude. The speed of the track indicates that it was probably a helicopter.	South-west Slow Low
				[2 April: no violations reported]	
505	3 April	0924	0949	AWACS reported one track which originated over Grabice which is 5 nautical miles north-west of the town of Bijeljina. The aircraft was tracked for 25 minutes, over three distinct legs, at low altitude with an average speed of 110 kts. The first leg originated over Grabice and faded 1 nautical mile south-east of Bijeljina. The second leg started 1 nautical mile west of the original fade point and headed south-east for 7.5 nautical miles and faded from radar coverage over the town of Bijeljina. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Variable 110 kts Low

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, alt.
506	4 April	0800	0806	AWACS initially detected one track 0.5 nautical miles north of Bijeljina heading south-west. The aircraft was tracked for 5 nautical miles heading south-west. The track faded from radar coverage 2 nautical miles south-west of Bijeljina. The track was assessed as a probable helicopter and was in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west 80 kts Unknown
507	4 April	1103	1210	AWACS detected another track 12.5 nautical miles west of Pljevlja heading south-west. The aircraft headed south-west for 37 nautical miles, turning north-east 4.5 nautical miles before Bileca. The aircraft continued on a north-east heading for 36 nautical miles, turning north-north-west for 6 nautical miles. The aircraft faded from radar coverage 4 nautical miles south-east of Gorazde. Because of the flight characteristics of this aircraft, this aircraft could be assessed as a helicopter of a fixed-wing aircraft. The aircraft was operating in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	Variable 125 kts 10,900 ft.
508	4 April	1156	1216	AWACS detected one track 4 nautical miles north-east of Bileca heading north-east. The aircraft headed north-east for 41 nautical miles and faded from radar coverage 13 nautical miles west of Pljevlja. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	North-east 120 kts 400 ft.

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, alt.
509	4 April	1444	1505	AWACS detected a track 5 nautical miles south-east of Gacko, heading south-south-west. The aircraft headed south-south-east for 15.5 nautical miles and turned north-east 4 nautical miles north of Bileca. The aircraft continued north-east for 27 nautical miles, and faded from radar coverage 12 nautical miles east of Gacko. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	Variable 115 kts 100 ft.
510	4 April	1504	1520	AWACS detected a track 8 nautical miles south-east of Gacko, heading north-east. The aircraft was tracked for 27 nautical miles before it faded from radar coverage 7 nautical miles west of the town of Pljevlja in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The aircraft was assessed as a probable helicopter and was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	North-east 110 kts 100 ft.
511	4 April	1507	1520	AWACS detected a track 2 nautical miles south of Gacko, heading east-north-east. The aircraft was tracked for 11 nautical miles in an east-north-east direction, and turned north and continued for another 10 nautical miles. The aircraft turned east and was tracked for 23 nautical miles, fading from radar coverage 7 nautical miles north-west of Pljevlja. The aircraft was assessed as a fixed-wing aircraft and was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	Variable >180 kts 1,000 ft.

Annex II

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(Additions to 30 March 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, alt.
512	30 March	0329	0430	One MI-8 helicopter was reported by the United Nations Military Observers of Dubrave airfield in Tuzla. The local airfield commander told the airfield United Nations Military Observers that the aircraft flew a humanitarian mission from Durdevik, which is 8.5 nautical miles south of the town of Tuzla, to Staroglavice, in the Srebrenica pocket, and back to Durdevik. The United Nations Military Observers were not able to inspect the aircraft before or after the flight, because they were not advised of it. A protest letter will be sent to local authorities.	Unknown Unknown Unknown